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CHARTER.

JOHN G. WHITTIER.

The pilgrim and stranger who through the day holds over the desert his trackless way. Where the terrible sands no shade have known, Or sound of life save the camel's moan. Hears at last, through the mercy of Allah to all, From his tent door at evening the Bedouin's call. "Whoever thou art, whose need is great, In the name of God, the Compassionate And Merciful One, for thee I wait."

NORTH CAROLINA.

Wheat in Granville is looking well. Trade in Winston is flourishing again. Juvenile societies are in vogue in Winston. Prices of tobacco in the Durham market are falling high.

White shad at \$1.75 per pair are coming round the Wilson market.

A drove of Tennessee hogs arrived at Wadesboro last week and met with ready sale.

Fashionable evening frocks are worn with rustles but without bustles.

The young men of Durham have organized a public dance with Rev. W. H. Hall as teacher.

The grape and fruit growers in Forsyth county are about to organize a Wine company.

Several new stores going up in Durham and business is reviving.

Whistling it said, will be prohibited at the Spring term of Polk Superior Court.

Beaver tracks have been discovered in the Sassafras Fork neighborhood in Granville.

Twelve white and two colored couples married in Cabarrus in January.

Prof. Hartley is giving readings in Newbern for the benefit of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

Efforts are making to get up a lodge of Good Templars in Shelby.

Pastors of Churches in the Cleveland region are busy excommunicating their members for dancing.

Shneeze-provoking diseases, such as measles, colds and epizootics, prevail about Raleigh.

Columbus, Polk county, talks of putting it self in communication with the outside world by means of a narrow gauge railroad.

Some anti-fur sportsman shot Peter Phifer's Meowcat in wild ducks, near Concord, last week.

Eighty-seven new granges were formed in the last year, running the number up to 548, with a membership of 17,000.

Thirteen thousand bushels of corn changed hands in Wilmington last Friday at 57 to 58 cents per bushel.

The Central Hotel, Concord, is to be reconstructed, renovated and put in operation soon.

The fire Sunday afternoon kept three Durham Sunday schools from holding an advertised mass meeting.

The Toxnot dramatic association have promised to give Rip Van Winkle in Wilson soon.

Woodson says there was a sermon preached in Wilson last week that was highly pleasing to those who enjoyed it.

The Register says that many farmers of Wilson contemplate plowing up their wheat and putting the land in cotton.

There is talk in Allen's jewelry store, Wilmington, connected with the W. U. telegraph office, and run by electricity, and gets the exact Washington time every day at noon.

In nearly all the towns and villages of the state numerous meetings are being held to petition the Legislature to repeal the merchants license and purchase tax law.

A young Frenchman was robbed by two negro men of his hat, shoes and other clothing, nine or ten miles from Monroe, on the Waxhatch road last Saturday morning.

A colored child seven years old, was born to a negro woman in Concord last Saturday, by its mother taking fire while burning cornstalks in the field.

A little boy named Willie Broadway had his hand badly mangled by the machinery of the Great Falls Factory, Richmond county, last Saturday.

The Concord Register says it is rumored that Lattalor, the murderer of Harris has been captured somewhere in the mountains by a revenue officer.

Farmers of Orange were busy last week breaking up their corn ground, preparing to plant beans and work preparatory to spring planting.

Mr. Thomas Webb of Hillsborough, who was stricken with paralysis last week, has partially recovered the use of his limbs but not of his voice.

A negro man at the Wayne county poor house had both feet taken off recently, made good by amputation, resulting from frost bite. Drs. Miller and Kirby performed the operation.

Some papers speaking in favor of Asheville in the mountainous sections, among other things, that it has no jail rooms. There must have been a change, for they had some of them things last Fall.

The periodical railroad fever has again seized the Oxford Turnpike—or a railroad from Oxford to Henderson. This is a much needed work and we hope it will yet succeed.

Gold has been found in the northern part of Granville county on the lands of George Pittard. The vein is said to be of considerable area and is thought to be very rich.

The Charlotte Observer says it is rumored that a negro man and a white girl are to be married in this city in which beautiful girls are to be employed to sell the weed and do the shaving.

The Christmas tree festival that was to have been at the First Baptist Church in Alamogordo was postponed on account of bad weather, and will take place on the 14th—St. Valentine's day—a much more appropriate time for the young folks.

Robbery continues to be the order of the day, or rather the night, in Wilmington. A workshop was broken into and robbed of a large quantity of tools last Thursday night. The tools have been caught.

The merchants and others of Wilmington, held a meeting last Friday evening, for the purpose of organizing the waters of North East River on public lands, and a canal connecting it with the Albemarle and Pamlico between Wilmington and New Bern. They will memorialize the Legislature on the subject.

A PUBLIC QUESTION.

The Dog Tax.

To the Editor of the News:

Sir: I mark with interest and approval the general tenor of communications to your paper on the very absorbing topic of dog government.

The ruling idea seems to be the selection or appointment of Justices of the Peace by the Legislature; and from the list of job appointees to rehabilitate the old dog court.

In addition to this, if authority is conferred on the college of magistrates to elect certain county officers, (and especially the keeper of the purse), there will be a marked improvement in the condition of the East. We simply throw out and second the idea, and leave details to the General Assembly.

Inasmuch as your columns are open to an interchange of opinion on public questions, permit me to advert briefly to another, only inferior in importance to the first, but the bare enunciation of which is apt to raise the sneer of contempt from the average legislator. We allude to the "dog tax." It is difficult to find in any community a man of ordinary intelligence who does not concur in which is apt to raise the sneer of contempt from the average legislator.

But it is safe to assume that in our State their number would approximate one-half of our entire population, or 500,000 in round numbers. It is equally safe to assume that their maintenance and depredation on sheep, poultry, pigs, etc., will amount to an average of twenty dollars per capita each year. That makes an aggregate indirect tax of \$10,000,000 in the material prosperity of the State. The interest on that sum if applied to educational purposes would support a magnificent system of common schools, besides defraying the ordinary expenses of the State government.

To make it available, levy a tax of two dollars on every dog in the State the owners "office hunting" scalawags, excepted out of respect to the others.

This would have the effect to kill off, say, 200,000. These defuncts would naturally be made up of curs of low degree, and other mischievous breeds that have an invincible taste for eggs, mutton and young turkeys, not to speak of a natural proclivity to rabies. The amount thus saved by their untimely taking off would practically suffice to meet the assessment on the survivors.

Of course my figures are hypothetical, but they are sufficiently proximate to draw attention to the subject. Then, why have our law-makers persistently tabooed the question? We are loth to think that a measure of such general utility should be ignored or decided on account of its bearing on their personal political future.

We do most earnestly commend it to their attention, though it raise a howl from the owner of the dog that makes his living at his neighbor's expense.

Then take the bull by the horns, or rather the dog by the ear, even though it set "Tray, Blanche, Sweetheart and all" to barking at you. Their yelp of discord will soon give place to the "honest bark" of approval.

WARREN.

For Solicitor—Where Reward is Due.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 6, 1877.

To the Editor of the News:

Many names are being mentioned for Solicitor. It seems to me that the lower end of the District deserves the appointment. Take the county of Halifax for instance. For nine long years the men of that county have done their duty without reward or the hope of reward. In other counties like Wake, Franklin, Johnston and Nash Democrats have had chances of preferment. To them seats in the Legislature, nominations to Congress, in fact all the rewards of political preferment have been in reach. But in Halifax for nine long years 1800 white men have gone to the polls with unbroken ranks and voted for the Democratic cause. There are not a dozen white radicals in the county. Such heroism deserves some notice and reward. While young men elsewhere have had the avenues open to them, the young men of Warren, Halifax and Northampton knew that to do their duty was to consign them to a political tomb. The three counties mentioned gave 4,000 votes to Shipp, to Merrimon, to Pool and to Vance. They have done good service for nine long years to the party. There has not been a single Democratic appointment made from those counties in that whole time. Now they ask, for the first time, recognition of their noble record. In the appointment of W. H. Hall the three counties mentioned will feel that they have been honored. A good lawyer, an eloquent advocate, a popular man, there can not be a better appointment made.

WAKE COUNTY.

Irregularity in the Mails.

HILLSBORO, N. C., Feb. 6, 1877.

To the Editor of the News:

Sir: There is great complaint about the delivery of your excellent paper here. As it is mailed at your office by a mailing machine, so far as the News office is concerned, it is a subject of remark that it is invariably lost or detained when anything important occurs.

Knowing that the News office is not a merely careless, but intentional on the part of some Radical somewhere. They do not like to disseminate your new broom doctrine.

VOX POPULI.

North Carolina and Florida Again.

KINSTON, N. C., Jan. 30, 1877.

To the Editor of the News:

Sir: In your Sunday's issue, in speaking of the distinguished men furnished Florida, by North Carolina, you failed to mention the fact that Gov. Alexander D. Mosley, of that State, was a North Carolinian, and a citizen of Lenoir county.

He was for a number of years, represented this county in our State Legislature. You should not, by any means, have failed to give old Lenoir the credit of furnishing Florida the best Governor she ever had. But if you will note the fact now, we will have to excuse (?) you.

Truly,

SCHOOL BOY.

Logan Harris' Successor.

To the Editor of the News:

Sir: Notice the names of several gentlemen mentioned in your issue of the 2nd inst. in connection with the date hereof, for an act to incorporate Albemarle Lodge, No. 74, I. O. O. F., in this city of Raleigh.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE ACT.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the General Assembly of North Carolina, at its present session, for the passage of a law to amend the charter of the city of Raleigh.

Jan. 15th 1877.

Oxford, North Carolina, recently made some recognition of the hands of some of the officers of the State in the disposal of some of the officers of the State. The public would like to see the merit rewarded, and the demerit punished. John W. Hays, Solicitor of the district would give universal satisfaction. Let him be appointed.

LETTER FROM HALIFAX.

Death of Frank Lockhart—Farming Operations—The Vacant Solicitorship—An Orthological Stranger.

[Special Correspondence of the News.]

WELDON, N. C., Feb. 7, 1877.

I am very sorry to have to announce the death of Mr. Frank Lockhart, one of our old and most respected citizens. He died about 7 o'clock this morning at his residence in this place. Mr. Lockhart resided formerly in Northampton county, but for several years past has lived in Weldon. He was a man of irreproachable character and through all the vicissitudes of life commanded the unvarying respect of all who knew him.

THE FARMERS.

around here have eagerly availed themselves of the bright and pleasant days of the last week to pick from the fields the cotton that had remained there, and which the fearfully inclement weather of December and January had prevented their gathering sooner. Preparations for this year's farming are being actively made, and I think the condition of this part of the country is somewhat improved; certain it is that the general appearance of things is more hopeful and cheerful.

I note that there is quite a universal desire among our people that the office of Solicitor made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Harris, may be filled by our townsman

Mr. W. H. DAY, ESQ.

Mr. Day is regarded as a man of much above the average order of intelligence, of extensive reading, full of life and vim, and has had quite an extensive and instructive experience at the bar; his appointment would be very gratifying to the people around here.

An orthological question is exercising our folks now. Among the wild geese that are flying back and forth about the river this winter is

a white goose.

Now, that standard authority, "the oldest inhabitant," never saw a white wild goose in this part of the country, before, and question is, is the aforesaid bird a *lusus naturæ*, or a foreigner, or a domestic goose that has "taken up" with the wild flock?

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